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In response to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED, Applicants hereby respectfully submit the following:

(1) one (1) check in the amount of \$ 1000.00 to cover the statutory basic filing fee, this charge having been calculated on the basis of Large Entity status;

- (2) one (1) check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for the late payment of the filing fee, this charge having been calculated on the basis of Large Entity status;
 - (3) a SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT; and
- (4) a duplicate copy of the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED, as requested in the Notice; and

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this submission, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below. however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

 Additional claim fees of \$252 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$1152 for a Large Entity

\$770 Statutory basic filing fee.

• \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$252

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• \$252 for 14 total claims over 20.

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